



Cristina Trejo is crowned Carnival Queen 53

During an extravagant and beautifully staged production that could rival the top beauty pageants of the world, Aruba chose their Carnival Queen for 2007. The supermodel lovely Christina Trejo, representing the T.O.B. Carnival Group was the personification of grace and elegance, and her crowning was a fitting end to an exciting competition where all eight candidates showed incredible poise and style.

Christina was also named the winner in a number of sub-categories, including Best Costume, The Queen of Focus Magazine, and the MAS Queen, elected by popular vote through text messaging to Aruba's national telecommunications company SETAR. She was such a standout throughout the evening and the Carnival season, that her election as Carnival Queen was almost expected.

Second and third place winners Glendeline Maduro, sponsored by the Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino and Paola Adames of the Champagne Carnival Group were also chosen as winners for Most Popular and Best Speech, respectively. Marilyn Croes, the Queen Candidate from Santa Cruz took home the award for Best Show.

Friday's evenings election was marked by incredible productions, marvelously professional dance numbers, and the latest Carnival music by The Dushi Band, performing their winning Roadmarch Song. The evening was not only devoted to the sounds of Carnival, as the best dancers on the island demonstrated their expertise at break dancing, "Stomping the Yard," and even the classic Minuet. Stunning costumes and a constant rain of confetti added to the excitement and grandeur of the stage productions for what is in Aruba, the equivalent of a "Miss America" competition.

Crowned by the Prime Minister, Nelson Oduber, with the assistance of the President of SAC, (Stichting Arubaanse Carnival) Tecla Kelly, Queen Cristina will now reign supreme over the remaining Carnival events until next year. The Carnival Queen is often called upon during the year to lend her presence and prestige to various events, and Cristina proved that she has the stuff to handle her duties beautifully!

Caption for front page:

Caught by the camera at the exact moment when the Prince and Pancho pick the new Queen out of the line of candidates, Christina Trejo, chosen Friday night as Carnival Queen 53 is overcome by emotion. Months of hard work and preparation aside from the final competition resulted in Aruba's beautiful new Queen, who will be the center of attention at the remaining events of Carnival, and hold an honored place in all the parades. Congratulations to Aruba's very worthy Carnival Queen for 2007!